world-class standards for clinical trials and establish a professionalized multi-disciplinary regulatory body dealing with contemporary biotech and pharma issues. With the new Biotech Development Strategy under discussion all the challenges including putting in place an effective regulatory system are sought to be met. The biotech industry has already achieved an annual turnover of $ 1 billion and destined to leap forward as a sizable section of the Industry is ready to meet the challenges of global competition required to be met pursuant to the amendments in 2005 and earlier amendment in 1970 the India Patent Act, including granting product protection. The large skilled human resource base available in India for which India is uniquely placed coupled with low cost economy can help shape the nature of domestic industry and pave the way for India to capture a larger market share of the global drug and biotech industry. The same logic with some variables also applies to China. As per the published Global Biotechnology Report 2004 "Beyond Borders", of Earnest and Young, both India and China are positioned to take advantage of moves by Governments in the US and Europe to create a regulatory framework for approving generic versions of successful protein drugs, whose patent is expiring in the near future.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Employment under PMRY

†2504. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths who have been provided loan under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last three years;

(b) whether any target has been fixed to make loans available during this period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The details of targets and number of unemployed

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youth provided loans (self employment units sanction and disbursed loans) under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years, *i.e.* 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as under:

Number of self-employment units (lakh)

Year	Target	Sanctioned loans	Disbursed loans
2002-03	2.20	2.28	1.90
2003-04	2.20	2.63	2.18
2004-05	2.50	2.92*	1.94*

*(Provisional)

PMRY in Uttar Pradesh

†2505. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the target of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans by banks during the said period against the target in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that banks are not co-operating in achieving the targets in the States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of year-wise targets and number of beneficiaries (number of self-employment units) who have been sanctioned and disbursed loans by banks during the last 3 years *i.e.*, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) are as under:

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